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1. SENIOR MEMBER OF BRITISH EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED BRITISH INTENTION TO APPROACH GERMANS ON NEW UK OFFSET AGREEMENT TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE WHICH WILL EXPIRE NEXT MARCH.

2. OUR INFORMANT TOLD US HE WAS SURPRISED THAT SOME PEOPLE HAD BEEN UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE BRITISH INTENDED TO LET THE MATTER DROP AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENT ACCORD SINCE THIS WAS NEVER THE INTENTION.

3. WE WERE TOLD THAT THE BRITISH WERE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT NEW OFFSET WOULD HAVE TO BE MUCH LARGER THAN PREVIOUS ONE SINCE COST OF MAINTAINING BRITISH TROOPS IN THE FRG HAD RISEN STEEPLY IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS. OUR INFORMANT SAID THE BRITISH RECOGNIZED THAT THE GERMAN ATTITUDE ON OFFSET SUBJECT WAS NEGATIVE TO SAY THE LEAST, BUT THAT THE INCREASING BURDEN OF COSTS JUSTIFIED THE BRITISH
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